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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Demidov et al. Attorney Docket No.: NU-207WO-1  
Serial No.: 10/714,524 Customer Number: 000038731  
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Title: **OPTICAL FIBER AND SYSTEM CONTAINING SAME**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination and calculation of the statutory basic filing fee of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as indicated below: